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SUBJECT: HELSINKI FINAL ACT AND UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
(HRC) SESSION

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1. USUN AGREES WITH DEPT ON NEED FOR PREPARATION TO DEAL WITH SUBJECT OF DETENTE AT UPCOMING HRC MEETING. WHETHER SOVIETS INJECT FIRST SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO HELSINKI THEMSELVES OR NOT, THE USSR WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY RAISE THE LINK BETWEEN DETENTE AND HUMAN RIGHTS. IF THIS LINK IS RAISED, THE WESTERN DELS SHOULD BE PREPARED WITH IDEAS OF THEIR OWN.

2. IN THE PAST DISCUSSION ON THIS SUBJECT HAS BEEN CARRIED FORWARD ON THE BASIS OF A SOVIET DRAFTED RES. LAST YEAR THE BRITISH, GERMANS AND ITALIANS SUBMITTED AMENDMENTS TO THIS DRAFT WITH THE RESULT THAT THE SUBJECT WAS POSTPONED. THE SIGNATURE OF THE FINAL ACT OF THE HELSINKI CONFERENCE SUGGESTS THAT THE WEST SHOULD BE READY WITH NEW TACTICS. PARTICULARLY IN THE CONTEXT OF THE HRC IT WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE FOR THE WESTERN DELS TO AT LEAST BE READY WITH A DRAFT PROPOSAL OF THEIR OWN SHOULD THE SOVIETS AGAIN INITIATE DISCUSSION OF THIS SUBJECT.

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3. AT AN INFORMAL PREPARATORY DISCUSSION FOR THE HRC WITH

DELS FROM FRANCE, UK, FRG, AUSTRIA, ITALY AND CANADA, MIS-
OFF DISCUSSED POSSIBILITY OF A WESTERN DRAFT ON THIS SUBJECT.
THOSE PRESENT WERE PERSONALLY RECEPTIVE TO THE IDEA
AND AGREED TO INFORM THEIR GOVERNMENTS.
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